

St. Mary Catholic Church

November 10, 2024 Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Mary Catholic Church

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Services:

Saturday: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 10:45 AM

Monday & Friday: 12:00 noon

Confession:

Saturday: 4:00 PM—4:30 PM

Director of Music:

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Services:

Sunday: 8:30 AM

Wed. & Thurs.: 12:00 Noon

Confession:

Sun.: 7:30 AM—8:00 AM

Director of Music:

Dorothy Wood

STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Herbert Ene

Associate Pastor: Michael Okata

Deacon: Wayne Tedford

Secretary: Sandy Simpson

Accounting: Theresa O'Connell

Office Hours:

M, W, Th, F

11:00 AM—3:00 PM



FAITHFULNESS IN TIMES OF CHAOS

In a world rife with noise and distraction, remaining faithful to our Catholic beliefs is not only essential but increasingly challenging. Today's society pushes us to place value on temporal gains, personal gratification, and individualism, often at the expense of spiritual integrity and commitment to God. However, we are called to uphold our faith steadfastly, recognizing that our ultimate allegiance is not to the passing trends of this world but to God and His eternal truths. Fidelity to our faith in turbulent times strengthens our moral compass, keeping us in line with the teachings of Christ, regardless of the chaos and political strife surrounding us.

The importance of staying faithful lies, firstly, in the stability it provides. Faith, deeply rooted in the teachings of the Church and the life of Christ, offers a constant source of peace and guidance. While the world shifts unpredictably, our faith remains unwavering and consistent, like an anchor amidst a storm. Scripture reminds us that "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever" (Hebrews 13:8), a message that assures us of God's unchanging nature and the reliability of His promises. Embracing this stability enables not to lose sight of what truly matters while maneuvering the rough waters of a world that only offers shifting values.

Furthermore, fidelity to the faith amidst worldly turmoil gives witness to the life-changing power of God. Our steadfastness in trials and challenges serves as a living testimony to others, showing that faith in God transcends the superficial comforts offered by secular ideologies. By remaining faithful, we can inspire those around us to seek Christ in their own lives, even if they, too, are surrounded by chaos. Our loyalty to God and His Church becomes a light in the darkness, encouraging others to see beyond temporary solutions and discover the lasting peace found only in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Faithfulness is also crucial for our own spiritual growth. Trials, when met with faith, become opportunities to deepen our reliance on God, strengthening our virtues and reinforcing our hope. St. Paul reminds us in Romans 5:3-5 that "suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us." When we refuse to let the turmoil around us shake our faith, we grow closer to God, trusting that He will use every hardship to refine and sanctify us. Faithfulness, therefore, is not only a defensive posture against a chaotic world but a powerful means of drawing nearer to God.

Remaining faithful is a powerful act of love. It is a rejection of the false idols of the world and a wholehearted devotion to Christ, who first loved us. In times of chaos, when many fall away or seek comfort in what is easy, our fidelity to God stands as an act of deep love and gratitude. We affirm that our trust is not in human solutions but in God's providence and eternal mercy. In being faithful, we find strength in Him, confident that His grace will sustain us, whatever challenges may come. This act of love transforms not only our lives but the world around us, bringing hope, strength, and a taste of Heaven to an otherwise chaotic world.

(Rev. Fr. Charles)

Veterans Day Celebration
St. Mary Catholic Church
Monday, November 11, 2024
5:00 pm

All are invited to attend the Knights of Columbus sponsored Veterans Day Celebration on Monday, November 11, 2024 at 5:00 pm. It is a most touching ceremony honoring all veterans. A reception with light refreshments will follow the ceremony.



Holy Family Christmas Party



Date: Tuesday, December 10

Where: Holy Family Father Joey Hall

Time: Appetizers 5:30 pm
Dinner 6:00 pm

**Sign up for the Holy Family Christmas Party beginning October 20.

For Sale

St. Mary's Ladies Guild is selling cookbooks and Madagascar Bean Vanilla. Christmas will be here before you know it. Call the office at 731-584-6459 if you are interested in purchasing either.

Procedure for Reporting Sexual Abuse

Anyone who has knowledge of or who has cause to suspect an incident of sexual abuse should report the information to the appropriate civil authorities first at 1-877-237-0004, then to the Diocesan Director Child & Youth Protection at 901-359-2027 or the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at 901-652-4066.



- November 9-10 Thanksgiving Baskets Collection (SM)
- November 11 Ladies Guild Meeting (SM) 10:30 am
- November 11 Veterans Day Celebration (SM) 5:00 pm
- November 16 Holy Family Crafters 9:30 am
- November 16-17 Thanksgiving Baskets Collection (SM)
- November 18 St. Mary Parish Council/ Finance Council 6:00 pm
- November 20 Knights of Columbus (SM) 6:00 pm
- November 20 Little Flowers Girls Club (SM) 3:45 pm

PRE Halloween Trunk or Treat
A Big Success

The rain didn't stop our children from giving away candy to over 50 trick or treaters. A special "thank you" to all the parishioners who donated candy helping make this a special evening.



“Memorial Mass”

A Memorial Mass for long time parishioner, Ramona Loggains at Holy Family will be held on Wednesday, November 13, 2024 at 12:00 pm. The rosary will begin at 11:30 pm. Father Michael Okata will officiate. A reception will follow the mass.



Rescheduled Mass

The 12:00 pm Mass scheduled for Monday, November 11 held at St. Mary has been rescheduled to 5:00 pm that Monday to coincide with the Veterans Day celebration. Mark your calendars.

Coming in January:

Men’s Catholic Conference from January 10-11, 2025. More information will be shared soon.



St. Mary’s Ladies Guild will be collecting funds to help support their annual Thanksgiving Basket Project beginning Saturday and Sunday, November 9th and 10th and November 16th and 17th. Your generosity will help to provide for the less fortunate this Thanksgiving Holiday.

Please pray for the success of our Diocese’s Strategic Pastoral Planning process and participate in one of the 12 scheduled Listening Session(s) in our Deanery.

Our Parish is in the **NORTHERN** Deanery
You can also complete the online survey at :
<https://cdom.org/strategic-pastoral-planning/>



WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Week Ending

11/03/2024

St. Mary—Enrollment 64
Regular Offering \$2790.00

Families Contributing 23

Holy Family — Enrollment 54

Regular Offering \$1458.00

Families Contributing 16

TWO COLLECTIONS

11/17/2024

Regular Offertory/Maintenance

Ministry Schedule

November 17, 2024

St. Mary Catholic Church

Lectors

Saturday: Joyce Rushing

Sunday: Theresa O’Connell

Eucharistic Ministers:

Joyce R. and Andrea V. (Sat)

Theresa O’Connell (Sun.)

Sharon Latendresse (Sun.)

Counters:

Jeff and Sharon Latendresse

Holy Family Catholic Church

Lector

Sunday: Leah Koonce

Eucharistic Ministers:

Pat Long and John Edwards

Gift Bearers: Richard and Mary Otte

Counters: Wayne Tedford and Dennis Blackwell

	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
Saturday	11/09/2024	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Clayton and Carley Rich Family	Sharon Reiter
Sunday	11/10/2024	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Deborah Thorne+	Tricia Smothers
Sunday	11/10/2024	St. Mary	10:45 AM	MaryLilian Ogechukwu Ezeh+	Father Herbert Ene
Monday	11/11/2024	St. Mary	5:00 PM	St. Mary Parishioners	
Tuesday	11/12/2024	No Mass	12:00 PM	NO MASS	
Wednesday	11/13/2024	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Ramona Loggains+	Memorial Mass (Holy Family)
Thursday	11/14/2024	Holy Family	12:00 PM	MaryLilian Ogechukwu Ezeh+	Tom and Debbie O'Bryant
Friday	11/15/2024	St. Mary	12:00 PM	St. Mary Parishioners	
Saturday	11/16/2024	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Donald Wilson+	Barbara Taylor
Sunday	11/17/2024	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Ramona Loggains+	Dwayne and Karen Pierce
Sunday	11/17/2024	St. Mary	10:45 AM	Nicholas Alexander Ebeling+	Dan and Jean Ebeling

Prayer Intentions for the Health and Recovery of our Parish Family

God is our refuge and our strength, an ever present help in distress.
The Lord of hosts is with us; our stronghold is the God of Jacob. (Ps. 46)



St. Mary's: Irene Latendresse, Grace Garza, Tom O'Connell, James Story, Tricia Smothers, Jim Simpson, Kenneth Smothers, Steve Ruhlman, Jackie Ruhlman, Father Herbert, Nydia Hernandez, Mickey Baloga, Larry Weibel, Craig Coltharp, Patty Russo, Joe Griggs, Lorna Huot, Betty Gagnon, Barbara Taylor, Jack Dashper, Greg Garza, Patrick Schasser, Pam McMillon, Roger Gibbons, James Davenport, Vicky Story, Allen York, Janet Robbearts, Joyce Parker, Dan Ebeling, Polly Mitchell.

Holy Family: Toni Stokes, Wyatt Brooks, Lila Korbelt, Barry Raidt, Tommie Tedford, Dorothy Wood, Anna Mills, Kamila Cerda, Mary Jane Klinzing, Donna Reindl, Garry Korbelt, Johanna Salma, Dick Stokes, Tommy Long, Paul Multon, Leon Thorne, Sissy Munoz.

For Our Extended Family: Nicholas Carmichael, grandson of Betty Gagnon; John Parker, son of Joyce Parker; Tonya Smothers, friend of Joyce Rushing; Mike Dashper, son of Jack and Mary Dashper; Teresa Reiter, daughter-in-law of Sharon Reiter; Joy Ross, friend of Norma Villalobos; Lily Mills, granddaughter of Tom and Anna Mills; John Parker, son of Joyce Parker; John and Tammy Carroll; friends of Barbara Taylor; Susan Johnston, daughter-in-law of Barbara Taylor; Carl Reetz, friend of Holy Family Parishioners; Don Parker, son of Joyce Parker; Scott Henderson, friend of Craig and Kathy Coltharp; Samantha Moore, granddaughter of Barbara Taylor; Mark King, nephew of Tricia Smothers; Barbara

Gillespie, sister of Dan Ebeling; Carolyn Tedore, sister of Pam McMillan; Terry Pace, John Waters; Kaelynn Bressler; Ruel Carmicheal; son of Betty Gagnon, Lucy Connolly; sister of Lila Korbelt, Gus Palmieri; friend of Jessica Glendora; John Brinker; uncle of Carrie Etter; Extended family of Barbara Taylor; Dee Vohnoutka; sister of Garry Korbelt; Anissa Jeanne Hendrix; Deacon Wayne Tedford's niece, Charles Glover; Brenda Boodman.

For those on active duty in the military:

Bridget Bissen, granddaughter of Kenneth and Alma Bissen; Hudson Hazlerig, grandson of Jay and Julia Johnson; Kyle Moore, grandson of Barbara Taylor; Kyle Bissen, grandson of Kenneth and Alma Bissen; Jonathon Placido, son-in-law of Arlene Conrad; Zakkary Klinzing, grandson of Mary Jane Klinzing; Eric Huot, husband of Lorna Johnson Huot; Joshua Parker, grandson of Willis & Joyce Parker; Thomas O'Bryant III, son of Thomas & Debbie O'Bryant; Daniel Stanfill.